



RECREATION OPPORTUNITY GUIDE

Olympic National Forest

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Silver Lakes Trail #842

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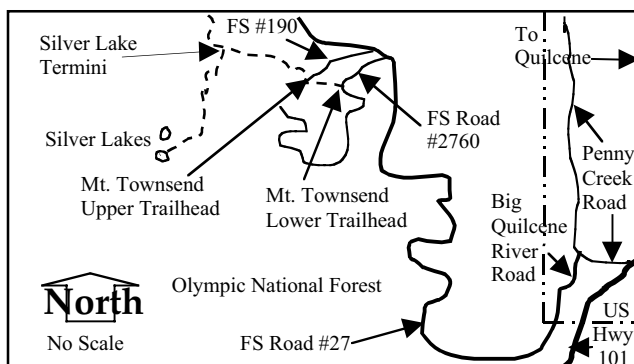


Recommended Season

SPRING SUMMER FALL WINTER



ACCESS: Silver Lakes Trail #842 is approached via the Mt. Townsend Trail 15 miles northwest of Quilcene. The trail begins off Mt. Townsend Trail at 4.0 or 3.0 miles depending on which trailhead you start from. One mile south of Quilcene, turn right onto Penny Creek Road. Go 1.4 mile staying left at the “Y”, continue onto the FS boundary and paved FS Road #27. Proceed on FS Road #27 for 10.6 miles to FS Road #2760. For access to the upper trailhead stay on Road #27 one more mile and turn left onto the FS Road #190. Follow FS Road #190 one mile to the upper trailhead at the end of the road.



FACILITIES: Small parking area at both trailheads. There is very limited turn around space at the upper trailhead for vehicles with horse trailers. There is a three sided shelter at Sink Lake. No toilets.

SETTING: Conifer forest, wildflowers, lake meadows, alpine lake, and rugged mountains.

TRAIL INFORMATION: 5.5 miles in length from upper Mt. Townsend Trailhead. Grade is 20% to Silver Lakes Trail for 3 miles and 8% the last 2.5 miles.

Destination	Miles	Elev.
Mt. Townsend Trailhead	0.0	3,200'
Silver Lakes Trail begins	3.0	5,500'
Silver Lakes	5.5	5,300'

OPPORTUNITIES: Hiking, horseback riding, backpacking, viewing wildflowers, scenery and fishing. The trail is heavily wooded the first 2 miles and then it opens up with views of mountains and lakes. Treat all drinking water. Pack out what you pack in. Practice LEAVE NO TRACE techniques during your trip.

CLOSURES: Motor vehicles and mountain bikes are prohibited. No open campfires allowed above 3,500 feet inside Buckhorn Wilderness.

TOPO MAPS: Buckhorn Wilderness Custom Correct Map or Tyler Peak USGS Quad.



Early morning sun over Silver Lake.

PASS REQUIRED: A NW Forest Pass or a Golden Passport (Eagle, Age or Access) is required on each vehicle parked at trailhead. Day & Annual NW Passes are available at FS offices and vendors, but not at trailheads.